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SITUATION REPORT: POLAND

According to the British press, Polish party officials have said that there may be a meeting of the Central Committee later this week, the first since the declaration of martial law. This may imply a increased role for the party which has been in the background during the first several weeks of martial law. The meeting may also clarify the fate of regional party leaders and will surely provide a forum for further infighting between party hardliners, moderates, and liberals. [REDACTED]

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Reuters reports that the sixth bulletin issued by Solidarity and reaching the West on 4 January stressed that there was increased resistance within the army to the crackdown on Solidarity. Through not confirmed, the bulletin states that clashes occurred between the army and police at Bydgoszcz, that hundreds of army officers have turned in their Communist party cards, and that 14 miners were killed by security forces at the Manifest Lipcowy Colliery in Silesia. Meanwhile, Solidarity leaders in exile will hold their second strategy meeting in Brussels on 8 January. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] have indicated that there is a possibility of a widespread purge among faculty and students of Warsaw universities and schools because they have close associations with Solidarity. The regime remains concerned about the potential for unrest among students and youth, and Jaruzelski's advisers are now working on a program for dealing with this problem. [REDACTED]

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The Japanese Foreign Minister said yesterday that Japan does not plan to impose sanctions against Poland and the USSR. The Japanese have responded favorably to the EC communique and will weigh the results of the talks between President Reagan and Chancellor Schmidt and of the NATO ministerial meeting on Monday. [REDACTED]

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Moscow Radio today announced that Polish Foreign Minister Czyrek will visit Moscow in the first half of January. The broadcast gave no details on the planned visit, which would be the first to the USSR by a high-ranking Polish official since the imposition of martial law. East European foreign ministers regularly travel to Moscow at the beginning of the year for consultations. [REDACTED]

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The Soviet media meanwhile reportedly are maintaining an ambivalent attitude toward the EC Foreign Ministers' communique yesterday. TASS today criticized the ministers for violating the tenets of the Helsinki Final Act and the UN Charter by attempting to interfere in Poland's internal affairs, but noted with satisfaction that the Europeans had resisted alleged pressure from Washington to subscribe to US sanctions. A political commentator on Soviet television expressed optimism that the Europeans would reaffirm their position on sanctions at next Monday's NATO Foreign Ministers' meeting in Brussels. [REDACTED]

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